

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1383
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2003
WHO S REPORT ON ACCIDENTS
RAMJI LAL SUMAN;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have paid attention towards the report published by the World Health Organisation recently in which reference about the terrible deaths caused due to lacunae in traffic system is made ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any special action plan to make improvement in the traffic system of the country keeping in view the above report ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not formulating such plan ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) Yes Sir. The report is on Priorities for policy and action on injuries in South East Asia Region. Among other causes, it also covers Road Safety.

(b)&(c) Government of India has been undertaking a number of engineering and educational measures to prevent road accidents. Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents are as under :

- (1) Cranes and ambulances were provided to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme.
- (2) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.
- (3) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.
- (4) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.
- (5) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (6) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.
- (7) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.
- (8) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.